



PAST PRESIDENTS of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department were honored at a tea held recently at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt. Attending past presidents were (left to right) Mmes. James Wass, sixth; Bill Russell, second; Milton Langum, third; Walter West, fourth; and Bill Slonecker, seventh. Mrs. George Blahnik, currently presiding; and Mrs. Robert Moffitt, hostess, welcomed them.

Women

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Mrs. Bigelow Gets National Award

At the Los Angeles area council meeting of the Camp Fire Girls last Tuesday evening at the Biltmore Bowl, Mrs. Loring Bigelow, 24804 Pitcairn Way, Torrance, was given the Ernest Thompson Seton Award. This is the second highest national award, given for outstanding administrative contributions directed toward growth or expansion of the Council.



MRS. LORING BIGELOW

Mrs. Bigelow is co-founder and past president of the Waveria Business Women's Club. She helped establish the scholarship plan for graduates of South High, carried through the plan of giving books to Waveria Library; and is the T.E.A.C. representative for 1961.

Five new officers were elected to serve the Los Angeles area council. They include: Mrs. Norman Leonard, president; Miss Vivian Osborn, first vice president; Mrs. Irving R. Eastin, second vice president; William H. Avarell, secretary; and Lawrence W. Helgesen, treasurer.

Ten awards to individuals and organizations "who made valuable contributions of time, service and support to the program of Camp Fire Girls throughout the Los Angeles area." These awards are as follows: Honorable Norris Poulson, mayor of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Times; the family of Judge Harlan Palmer; Mrs. Mary V. Hood; Hospital of the Good Samaritan; Pacific Telephone Company; Goodwill Industries; Ernest J. Loebbecke; National Safety Council; and Los Angeles County department of Aboret and Botanic Gardens.

The Luther Halsey Gulick Award, the highest national recognition bestowed for outstanding service to a local Camp Fire program was awarded to Dr. John D. Brigs, outgoing president of the Los Angeles area council. Dr. Hellen Northen, on sabbatical leave in London, was presented a Gulick award in absentia by Lawrence Helgesen, national board member. Members of the Council's Golden Jubilee Committee received awards for the planning and work which is culminating in January-February-March events commemorating the 50th birthday of the Camp Fire Girls. Jubilee awards were presented by Edward Mills, chairman of the annual meeting committee.

Susan Mathews Weds Lester Lee LeVier

Miss Susan Mathews became the bride of Lester Lee LeVier recently at the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes. Dr. Albert King performed the double ring ceremony.

Miss Mathews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Mathews of Mount Shasta, California. Lester LeVier is the son of Mrs. Helen Hoffman of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Lester A. LeVier of Lomita.

For her wedding, Susan Mathews chose a Chantilly lace gown fashioned with a full waltz length skirt. A pearl crown caught her shoulder length veil. She wore double pearl pennant which accented the scalloped neckline of her dress.

The bride carried a crescent shaped bouquet of white spider mums and phalaenopsis orchids in which small red Christmas ornaments were tucked. Heart-shaped ivy leaves and long velvet cords completed the lovely bouquet. She was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Larry Toland as matron of honor and Mrs. Eldon Guthrie, Mrs. Carl Strong and Miss Leah Jordan as bridesmaids wore identical gowns of red Italian velveteen dresses fashioned with scoop necklines, and red satin shoes. They carried snowball bouquets of small baby mums with sprigs of holly and small red and gold Christmas decorations accenting the top. The snowball bouquet was suspended from the left arm by matching red velvet cords. It was a beautiful unusual bouquet.

Best man was Royce Leeper and ushers were Larry Toland, Donald Jensen and Richard Nichols. Miss Marianne Mathews was flower girl and she wore a white organdy dress with a red velveteen cummerbund. Mrs. Henry Mathews was



MRS. LESTER LEE LEVIER ... former Susan Mathews

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attired in a lavender shantung sheath with black accessories. Mrs. Lester A. LeVier wore a black sheath with a fur collar and black accessories.

At the reception held in the reception hall, Mrs. Bernard Dannauci registered the guests. Mrs. Margaret Read was in charge of the gifts. Misses Elna Fisher and GeorgAnn Schroeder were servers and Mrs. James Pitman served the groom's cake.

The newlyweds spent their two week honeymoon at Las Vegas and in Iowa and Arizona.

The bride, a Narbonne High School graduate, majored in physical therapy and education at George Peperdine College. At present she is teaching at Hamilton School in Torrance.

The groom is employed as highway technician for the State of California and working on the Santa Monica interchange of the Harbor Freeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester LeVier are at home in Torrance at 1515 Beech Avenue.

Southwest Manuscripters Announce Club Contests

Robert Bloch, author of "Psycho" and nearly four hundred other mystery, suspense and science fantasy stories, spoke on "Horror is My Business" at a recent meeting of Southwest Manuscripters, Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

Bloch said, "Writing is a strictly commercial profession, and I question the value of an author working into a vacuum all his life and missing the rewards of tailoring his work for a specific consumers' market." In Bloch's case the commodity he sells is "terror and dread," and his market place is the motion picture, the television screen,

books and magazines. Citing such classicists as Shakespeare, Dickens, Scott, Poe, Dumas, Balzac and Twain as examples of writers who wrote for the paying market, he said, "There is no reason for the aspiring writer to be ashamed of putting himself in that company."

Bloch cautioned writers to carefully examine reader psychology and audience psychology in general, and to recognize that horror fiction is a vicarious outlet for many subliminal emotions.

Manuscripter members reporting sales for the month were Polly Booth, Marcella Young, Ray Banks, Ed Fournier and Wanda Irwin.

Loren Roberts president, introduced Fae Donna Cooley as newly elected program chairman, and announced that full displays of Bloch's books are currently available at the New Yorker Bookstore, the Lyceum, and Doc and Ida's

Luncheonette. He announced that the club contests, open to all members who have not sold within category twelve months prior to entry, will be as follows for the year: articles, March, limit two thousand words; poetry, May, limit twenty-four lines; short stories, July, maximum three thousand words; plays, September, one act, limit thirty pages.

All those interested in writing are invited to the next Manuscripters' meeting at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, February 17, at 8 p.m. For further information call Mary Edith Lindsey, secretary, FR 2-6159.

Mothers of Twins Club Plans Unique Valentine's Party

"Song Title" costume Valentine Party is scheduled for February 10 at Ulbrand Hall, 1125 So. Gaffey St., San Pedro, by the South Bay chapter Mothers of Twins Club, Inc.

Starting at 8 p.m., entertainment for the evening will be entirely original and enacted by club members. Written by several of the club mothers, the entertainment is to "surprise" those who attend. Fathers who are participating in the program are Andrew Meir, Ernest Baumgardner, Robert Jackson and David Wesson.

Favorite records brought by the members will provide dancing music for the evening.

Mrs. Ernest Baumgardner, club social chairman, has planned the unique party and promises an evening of fun.

Mrs. Andrew Meir heads the entertainment committee. Decorating committee members are Mmes. Victor Heath, Robert Jackson, James O'Neill and Glen Russum.

Summer Camp Program Head Guest Speaker

Southwest Association for Retarded Children held its monthly meeting last Thursday in the Columbia school Cafeterium, 4502 W. 186th St., Torrance.

Mrs. Peggy Craig, president of the Retarded Children's summer camp program of Fontana, Calif., was guest speaker. Her talk on the benefits of camping how it releases pent-up pressures, instills independence, creates new interests, develops latent talents, as well as how it leads to the discovery of countless other values in our children, was illustrated with color slides taken at the camp.

In the Camping Program, considerable progress is being made toward removing final barriers from recreational pleasures which for the most part is still being denied our children.



DESIGN FOR LIVING—Is the Hadassah story told to a group of local women who gathered at the home of Mrs. Edward Schwartz recently. Among those who attended were Clara Bloom, Mrs. Gerson Jacobson, Bernice Althuler, Mrs. Benjamin Miller and Mrs. Matthew Ellenhorn.

Y Wives Plan Active Month

Torrance Y Wives weekly Tuesday morning meetings start at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA, 2320 W. Carson in Torrance.

Mrs. Kim Allred instructs the class in exercise with 15 minutes of ballroom dance instruction. After a coffee break, a hour program is featured.

Feb. 7 textile paints will be demonstrated by Mrs. Munrat.

Feb. 21 will be "Volunteer training day." Miss Nossel of the Western Region will conduct the program. There will be a potluck luncheon. Hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.

Feb. 28 Doctor Williams will give a special lecture on Bio-Dynamics. He has treated TV and Movie personalities. Bio-Dynamics is a method of treatment to reposition the frame work and all the tissues that are connected to it so that the body has been virtually resulptured into a more youthful and healthy life.

Women in the community are invited to attend the morning get-together. Babysitters are provided. For further information call Mrs. Chet Warren, DAVIS 3-2775.

Hospital Guild Makes Final Pledge Payment

"Women of the Guild are to be commended for this exceptional showing and for their instinting and unselfish effort and work." Glenn Wymore declared.

Final payment was made possible through a \$350 payment into the Guild treasury by the Guild Gift shop which is headed by Mrs. Ted Springfield. Under a special committee, the Guild set up the gift shop at the hospital. The shop opened last June with a \$500 appropriation at that time.

Furnishings in the doctors' lounge at the hospital have been paid for by the Guild. The members are discussing a new pledge for the purchase of hospital equipment or for helping to pay for the property.

Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital Guild holds the distinction of being one of the few such organizations ever formed before a hospital was in operation.

The Guild has paid a pledge of \$5,000 in the record time of three years and three months and within less than eight months after the hospital opened its doors for business.

Mrs. Charles Crawford, president, and Mrs. John

Rados, recording secretary, founding members of the Guild, presented a check for \$500 to Frank Kredel, hospital administrator; Vernon Walker, hospital treasurer; and Glenn Wymore, chairman of the hospital board. The check was the final payment on the original pledge made by the volunteer women workers, all patients of osteopathic doctors.

Language Study Plan Launched by AAU Women

The Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch of the American Association of University Women will conduct another series of pilot classes in foreign language beginning on February 14, according to Mrs. Joseph Goodwin, education study group chairman.

Mme. Suzanne Avakian, a native of France, will teach a class in French to school children under 10 years of age. Those desiring to have their children take advantage of this opportunity to study a language while still in the lower grades should call Mrs. William Stuart, TE 1-1326 for further information.

South Bay Eds Plan Annual Bosses' Night Dinner Affair

South Bay Educational Office Employees Association will hold its third Bosses' Night Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 9 at the San Pedro Hacienda. This annual event is held to honor their bosses, and an entertaining and worthwhile evening is being planned.

Mrs. Eugene Holderman of Palos Verdes, president, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. Harry Crock of Inglewood, program chairman, will introduce the speaker of the evening, Miss Marjorie Sewell, a former high school teacher and new communications specialist for the Southern California Gas Company, who will speak on "You Can't Get There From Here."

Oakley Yale, of the Yale Accordion Studio, will furnish music throughout the social and dinner hours. Honored guests will include Dr. R. B. Walter of the county superintendent's office and Mrs. Angie Holmes of Alhambra city school district, president-elect of the Los Angeles County Association of Educa-

tional Office Employees and recording secretary of the National Association of Educational Secretaries.

The Association includes members from the greater South Bay area, and all school office employees, both members and non-members, are urged to invite their administrators now and plan to attend this gala highlight of the year.

For further information and reservations, contact your local district representative, or Mrs. Frank Regal, reservations chairman, FR 5-3748. The deadline for reservations is February 1.

JAPANESE CHERRIES

You get color in two seasons of the year from the flowering Japanese Cherries. In spring, their blooms burst forth in a spectacular salute to that season, while in fall, before they shed their leaves, they take on fall hues in vivid and lovely shades. Gardeners living in milder coastal regions can even enjoy fall color with flowering cherries. Plant them now during the bare-root season.



HADASSAH STORY — Told by Mrs. Benjamin Miller, former president of Los Angeles Hadassah, vividly portrayed the year around program that Hadassah carries on in Israel and the United States. Mrs. Miller spoke to a local group of women who gathered at the home of Mrs. Edward Schwartz. Those present included Mmes. Charles Luger, Florence Chankin, Philip Wain, William Winter, George Glassoff and Murray Schwartz.



IN THE SWING—For Nursery Education Week is Jimmy Rathkopf, who attends Coast Nursery School, Torrance. Aiding his flight is Mrs. Jerry Cummings. —Photo by Bob Wintermeyer